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Pursuant to the duty to disclose under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO/SB/08A listing references of which the Applicant is aware and which are brought to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document listed in the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A is submitted herewith.

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Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the items listed and requests the Examiner to return a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A after being marked as being considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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